[5th February 1923

Nomination of Arundhateyas to local boards and municipal councils.

776 Q.—Mr. L. C. Guruswami : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the number of Arundhateyas (Madigas) nominated to the municipal councils, district and taluk boards of the Presidency with their respective districts during the years 1921–22 and 1922–23 ?

A.—The Government have no information. The information desired has been called for, and will in due course be communicated to the hon. Member.

Hospitals maintained by the Government and local bodies.

777 Q.—Mr. R. T. Kesavulu Pillai : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) the number of hospitals maintained solely by the Government with names and their respective districts ;

(2) the hospitals that are purely maintained by municipalities and local boards ;

(3) the hospitals that are maintained by municipalities and local boards with the aid of contributions from the Government ; and

(4) the amount of such contributions by the Government to each hospital in the Presidency ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the annual returns of civil hospitals and dispensaries for 1921 appended to G.O. No. 1229, P.H., dated 31st August 1922, which has been placed on the Editors' Table.

Improvements to the Vadavar and the Viranam tanks.

778 Q.—Mr. A. T. Muttukumaraswami Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state, with regard to question No. 1092 and the answer thereto, dated 18th November 1921, regarding improvements to the Vadavar and the Viranam tanks, when the work will commence ?

A.—The revision of the plans and estimates for these works has not yet been completed by the local officers. They have, however, submitted certain preliminary proposals which are being scrutinized by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Provision for village sites under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894.

779 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether, as required by section 3, clause (*f*), of the Land Acquisition Act, I of 1894, the Government have declared by notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette* that it is customary in this presidency for the Government to make provision of village sites and to mention the date of such notification and the districts in respect of which such notification has been published ?

A.—Yes. The date of the notification is 22nd May 1895 (published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* for June 11, 1895). It applies to all the districts in the Presidency except Madras, the Nilgiris, South Kanara and Malabar.